THE ORBIT

JOHN GLENN ELEMENTARY

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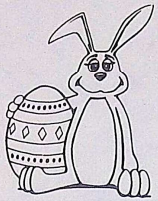
STUDENTS MEET GLENN

Mr. Ragona, School Principal, led a delegation of students, including the student council, in welcoming John Glenn to Scott County on Tuesday, April 26th at 5:00 p.m. The student delegation greeted Senator Glenn and his wife, Annie, as their car pulled into the drive of the Chuck Olson home in Davenport. Mike Reese, Council President, read the official welcome and presented the Senator with an official John Glenn T-shirt. Sheryl Fahrenkrog welcomed his wife, Annie, and presented her with a bouquet of red, white, and blue carnations. The senator and his wife promised they would try to put a visit to our school in their next fall's travel plans.



EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Egg Hunt was held March 30, 1983, out on your school play ground.

We asked a few people 3rd-6th grade about the Easter Egg Hunt. Here is what they said!!!

Corey Resse said: "He liked it, found an egg with a Easter box in it."

Ryan Iossi said: "It was fun. He found an egg that had a slip that said ice cream."

Adam Terry said: "It was OK. He found popcorn."

Jamie Resse said: "He didn't think it was exciting. He didn't find any eggs."

Connie Braden said: "It was all right and didn't find any Easter Egg."

Shelly Lafrenz said: "It was easy and found an egg that had a slip that said pop."

Josh Moeller said: "It was OK. He found an egg that said popcorn."

Nick Ash said: "Thought it was dumb. He found an egg and got an Easter egg box."

Laura Schnoor
Janine Voss

First and second grade enjoyed the Easter egg hunt outside despite the weather. Prizes were hidden inside the plastic eggs and many different things could be won. Mrs. Porth said, "It was very well organized".

EASTER TIME IN KINDERGARTEN

Reporters: Wes Schwanke
Nick Fears

On March 30, the kindergarten class had an Easter egg hunt in Mrs. Carlson's classroom.

Before the day of the hunt, the kindergarten class made an Easter basket for the special day, EASTER!!

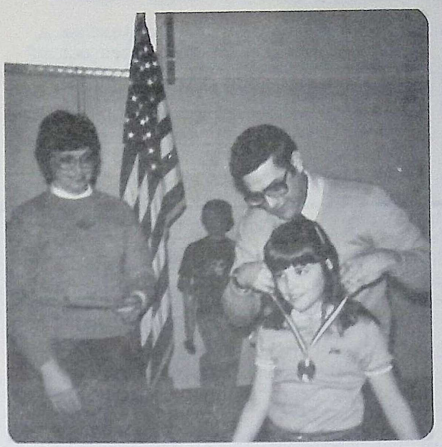
They made the baskets to look like Easter bunnies. The baskets were covered with construction paper except for one side which they made a face on. On the back of the basket they made a tail from a cotton ball. They had a fun time.

Roving Reporter

NEWSPAPER STAFF

The newspaper staff for this quarter has been Chris Baker, Dori Seifert, Nick Fears, Jenny Fitzpatrick, Wes Schwanke, Holly Meyer, Katie O'Connor, Laura Schnoor, Heather Snyder, Janine Voss, Valerie Johnston, Clare Schooley, and Leah Cafer. Mrs. Kaczinski was the co-ordinator and typist.

Honors Bestowed



Here Mr. Ragona presents Marcy Snyder with her medal.

MARCH OF DIMES

Reporter: Katie O'Connor

This last year our school took part in a program to help handicapped people. The March of Dimes program encourages children to read for charity. The program tries to earn enough money for people who need help to pay for costly operations for children to do the things we do.

The program works like this. Kids here at school registered and went house to house asking people to pay money for every book they read. When the program was over, the kids who read books received awards. One to ten books read received bronze medals, ten to eighteen books read received silver awards, and eighteen and up received gold medals. The program turned out to be a success.

7TH GRADE BAND TOUR

Reporters: Wes Schwanke
Nick Fears

On April 24, 1983, the 7th grade band went around to all elementary schools in the North Scott District giving a concert. They played the theme from Star Wars and others. Everyone enjoyed it.

CAREERS

Careers

Reporters: Valerie Johnston
Leah Cafer

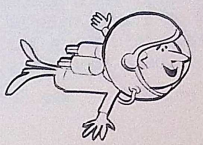
First grade has had a unit this quarter on careers. Several parents visited and told us about their jobs.

Mrs. McGimpsey is a dental assistant and she told us about that. Mr. Risius came to explain his job as a veterinarian. Mr. Meinert played the guitar for us and Mr. Engler talked about farming.

The Fryes told us about their sod business. Mr. and Mrs. Henzen came to tell about driving a bus and being a beauty operator.

The first graders liked the parents coming in, as they got great ideas about what they want to be when they grow up.

Here Mr. Golinghorst shows the class some baby pigs.



ACTIVITIES

PET CARE

Reporter: Dori Seifert

This activity is called Pet Care. Mrs. Petersen and Mrs. Wold are the teachers and these are some of the students who brought pets.

Lynn Kling brought three kittens; 2 black and white, and one butterscotch. There were 2 males and 1 female and they were only 2 weeks old. It was the mother's first litter.

Lisa Gradin brought 2 algae eaters, Simon and Garfunckle. She feeds them fish food that sinks to the bottom.

Barbie Petersen brought 2 pet rabbits, Tootsie and Dustin. They are both Albinos.

And Mrs. Wold and Mrs. Petersen brought their horses one day. We thank them for coming in and teaching Pet Care. It was fun.

EMBROIDERY

One activity these past nine weeks has been embroidery taught by Mrs. Filson. Each girl in the class has their own design that they do. They pick their own colors to use in that design.

One of the stitches they do is called the quilt square.

The designs they do are the cross stitch rabbit design or a little girl. When the girls are finished, their designs are made into a pillow or a wall hanging.

Mrs. Filson said the girls are doing a great job on their embroidery.

Wes Schwanke

RIBBON ROSES

Reporter: Katie O'Connor

On Mondays Mrs. Bartz teaches a class of ten how to make roses out of ribbons. I asked Mary Greve what she thought of the activity class and if they should have it again. She said, "It was neat and fun to work with, and they should have another class like this again.

WALKING CLUB

Reporter: Clare Schooley

One of the new activities this nine weeks was the Walking Club with Mrs. Yates.

There are 19 kids in the club. They meet on Wednesdays and they walk down around by Keppy's and the bridge. A lot of them say it's a lot of fun and they get really hungry.

SPICE ROPES

Reporter: Jenny Fitzpatrick

Mrs. Griffin teaches spice ropes this quarter. One of her students, Angie Siebke, said it is fun. You can hang them in the kitchen to make it smell good. You can also give them as a gift. It costs $2.00 to make as many as you want. It is a good gift.

This is how you make them: Cut 18 pieces of yarn (all the same length) and cut them in half. Separate them into three groups of 12. Braid the yarn, (any color you want). You can use cinnamon or cloves for the spice. Take a piece of cotton and dip it into cinnamon oil, put it on a round piece of cloth and fold it. Then tie a piece of thread around it and tie it to the rope.

RIBBON BARRETTS

Reporters: Janine Voss
Laura Schnoor

Mrs. Clark has been teaching a new activity this quarter called Ribbon Barretts.

They are lace with ribbon barretts. They sew them together. There are sixteen 5th and 6th grade girls in the class.

Write-On !

YOUNG WRITER'S WORKSHOP

On May 10, 1983, there were two students from each class, 1-6, who went to Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa for a Young Writer's Workshop. They took some of their own creative writing to share with others.

The students that went on the trip were Amiee McGimpsey and Mark Strobbe from first grade, Trent Engler and Randy Peel from second grade, Cindy Loussaert and Dawn Strobbe from third grade, Sandy Manley and Lynn Kling from fourth grade, Carrie Brannam and April Boyd from fifth grade, and Terri Lewis and Chris Kieffert from sixth grade.

There were authors there that demonstrated how to be a writer and approximately 1200 students from local schools.

Students put their name and the title of their creative writing on a piece of paper and put it in a helium balloon and released it that day.

They also received a certificate for being present at the workshop.

Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Peel were chaperons for the day.

Wes Schwanke

Here's the group after their trip to Marycrest College. Looks like they had fun!

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVAL

On April 7, 1983, the Children's Festival was held at Blackhawk College. Attending from John Glenn were Sheryl Fahrenkrog, Connie Braden, Steve Groom, Tom Paris, and Mrs. Brunson. They were chosen to go by their teachers because of their love for reading.

Some of the authors present that day were David Collins, Mary Kay Phelan, Victoria Olsen, and Evelyn Witter. Also present was illustrator Michael Cooney.

The students listened to each of the authors as they tried to motivate them to write.

Mrs. Brunson treated them to ice cream at Whitey's after their sack lunch.

Behind The Scenes

WORKING ON OPERETTA

April 15, 1983. So far all the kids in the operetta are doing very good. Fourth, fifth, and sixth graders are in the chorus and there are fifth and sixth graders in the cast. They all are working hard because time is short. The operetta is April 22, 1983.

Miss Balsar and Mrs. Collins are working on operetta with the chorus and cast. Some of the teachers have been working on the props.

GOOD LUCK!!!

Clare Schooley

AUTOGRAPHS

I, CHARLIE MCKEAN, WILL MY WRESTLING SKILLS TO BRAD BUCK.

I, HOLLY MEYER, WILL MY BIG BROTHER TO BARBIE PETERSEN.

I, JOSH MOELLER, WILL MY BELLY TO ANYONE WHO WANTS IT.

I, DEREK MURPHY, WILL MY TALLNESS TO MY BROTHER, TROY MURPHY.

I, KATIE O'CONNOR, WILL MY TALLNESS TO BRENDA SHIMP.

I, CRAIG OHL, WILL MY BRAIN TO RONALD REAGAN.

I, JESSE PETERSON, WILL MY RESEARCH PAPERS TO JOEY CAFER.

I, MIKE REESE, WILL MY TALLNESS AND SENSE OF HUMOR TO TONY SALAS AND JAMIE REESE.

I, MIKE RUGGEBERG, WILL ALL MY TESTS TO JOEY CAFER.

I, JOHN SAILOR, WILL MY CLIMBING ABILITY TO GEORGE PARIS.

I, LAURA SCHNOOR, WILL MY HOMEWORK TO ANYONE WHO WANTS IT.

I, CLARE SCHOOLEY, WILL MY MEANEST SISTER, MELANIE, TO ANYONE WHO WANTS HER.

I, WES SCHWANKE, WILL MY STUPIDITY TO KAREN SCHWANKE.

I, HEATHER SNYDER, WILL MY CROOKED TEETH TO KATHY DESPLINTER.

I, TROY STENDER, WILL MY STEER TO MRS. STRICKLAND.

I, MARY STROHBEHN, WILL MY LEARNING CENTERS TO ANYBODY WHO WANTS THEM.

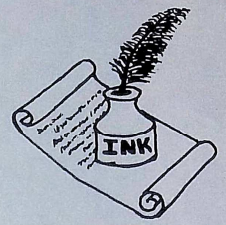
I, BRYAN TYLER, WILL MY TALLNESS TO DARON SHIREY.

I, BRIAN VERHELST, WILL MY TEACHERS TO WHO EVER WANTS THEM.

I, JANINE VOSS, WILL MY TALLNESS TO BRENDA SHIMP.

I, BILL WIESE, WILL ALL MY BAD HABITS TO THE 5TH GRADE AND THEY CAN SPLIT THEM UP EQUALLY.

I, RICKY ZARUBA, WILL MY DODGING ABILITIES TO DARON SHIREY AND JAMIE REESE.

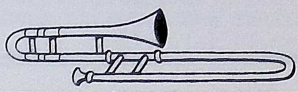


JR. HIGH BAND TRY-OUTS

Reporter: Laura Schnoor

The sixth grade has been taking band tests for the last three days. The tests were not very hard, but for some people they were. They will be bringing the instruments Friday, the 13th of May to our school.

Maybe you will see some of us sixth graders playing in the band next year. Hope So!



T.A.G.

Third, fourth, and fifth grades have been taking tests for the Talented and Gifted program.

Crystal Fisher, a substitute teacher, has been giving the tests off and on for about two weeks.

These tests will help determine who will be elegible for the program which begins in the fall. John Schaeffer from Nebraska has been hired to teach this course.

To qualify, students must score exceptionally high on the TAG test, be in the 90 percentile of the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills, have a teacher recommendation, and both student and parent must approve.

We are expecting 3-5% of the student population to qualify.

JOHN GLENN IN TOWN

THE WELCOME

Mike Reese:

" Senator Glenn, on behalf of the students of John Glenn Elementary School, we would like to welcome you to Scott County and Iowa. We hope you enjoy your stay here. We would like to present you, as a momento of this trip, this official John Glenn T-shirt from the only school in Iowa that bears your name."

Sheryl Fahrenkrog:

" Mrs. Glenn, we can't just let you stand around here letting him get all the appreciation because we all know behind every great man there is always a greater woman. We would like to present you with this flower and packet."

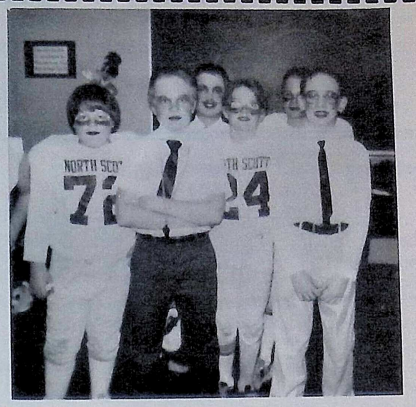
"Tunes Up"

Reporters: Laura Schnoor
Janine Voss

SIS! BOOM! BAH!

That was the name of our operetta this year. The show went over very well this year. It took about three months of hard work. Read on and you will find out who the cast members were.

Announcer.....Jesse Peterson
Girl 1.....Joy Glover
Girl 2.....Mary Strohbehn
Boy 1.....Konrad Kraklio
Boy 2.....Troy Stender
Extras.....Sara Arp, Clare Schooley, Gary Lindstrom
Agnes Gooch.....Laura Schnoor
Guard.....Jim Fitzpatrick
Zeus.....Mike Reese
Knute Rockne....Matt Jungmann
Cheerleaders....Carla Gronewold, Holly Meyer, Stephanie McDonald, Shelly Lafrenz, Kerry Clark, Natalie Maxwell.
Grandstand kids:
Girl 1.....Heather Snyder
Girl 2.....Sheryl Fahrenkrog
Boy 3.....Chad Flynn
Girl 4.....April Boyd
Boy 4.....Travis Ralfs
Extras.....Janine Voss, Matt Jamison.
The Home Team:
Christopher.....Brad Moeller
Tommy.....Matt Farrier
Kevin Kelly.....Ricky Zaruba
Tommy Wong.....Tony Dahms
Hernado .....Tony Salas
Rick Jones.....Cabot Edens
Billy Bully.....Josh Moeller
Principal.....Bill Wiese
Teddy Roosevelt.Charlie McKean
The Band:
Twirlers: Angi Drummond, Kathy DeSplinter, Sara Siemsen, Lori Iossi, Lecia Pewe, Kym, Gradin, Tamara Huff, Elizabeth Carlton, Connie Braden, Mary Greve



Referee.....Jon Lafrenz
Away Team.....Pat McBride, Brian Verhelst, Nick Fears, Scott Ambort, George Paris, Jon McKinney
Hall of Fame:
Guide.....Katie O'Connor
Young Coach.....Wes Schwanke
Students.....Carrie Brannam, Michel Cirillo, Kelli Wuestenberg, Jim Ruggeberg, Scott Johannsen
Stage Crew.....David Lafrenz, Doug Marten, John Sailor, Kevin Grell, Glen Ficke, Brian Tyler

And if it wasn't for Miss Balsar, the operetta wouldn't have been such a big hit. Thanks again Miss Balsar!

JOHN GLENN LUCKS OUT ON WEATHER ONCE AGAIN!!!
ECOLOGY DAY HUGE SUCCESS!!

Reporters: Holly Meyer
Janine Voss

Ecology Day was held Friday, May 6. The students got out all day from school and went to Camp Minneyata and learned about nature.

The 6th grade had two visitors. Mr. Fawks taught about birds. Mr. Montoni took the sixth graders on a walk through the woods and they tried eating some weeds. They also had Terrariums, which turned out really neat!

The fifth grade had one visitor. Mrs. Jones taught about wild flowers. One of the favorites was water habitat.

The fourth grade had one visitor. Mr. Marten taught Variations.

Some of the other helpers were: Mr. Wester, Mrs. Schoenthaler, Mrs. Brock, Mrs. Cummings, Mr. Knowles, Mr. Stratterman, Mr. Cronkleton, and Mrs. Yates. Thanks to all of them for helping out and most of all to Mrs. Erps, who works so hard each year getting it all together. We had fun!

FIELD DAYS

As the newspaper goes to print, our annual Field Days are beginning at North Scott High School. Unless it rains, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will compete on May 17, 18, and 19.

This is always a favorite with the students to participate in the relays, sack races, baseball throw, broad jump, hurdles, and tug-of-war. Hopefully, we came home with lots of ribbons!

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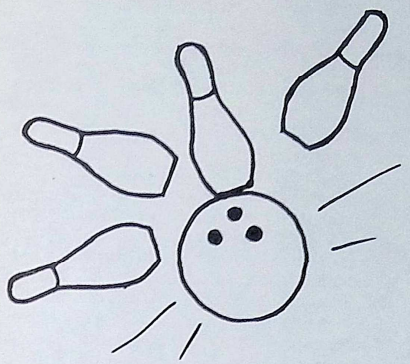

BOWLING PARTY

All the helpers from 5th & 6th grade which included Patrol, Store helpers, and morning helpers, went to a bowling party on April 5, 1983. They left school at 12:15 and bowled from 12:30 to 2:15. Even though the weather was crummy, it didn't dampen the spirits of the bowlers. It might be hard to believe, but the gentleman who worked there actually said that they were a very good group. (Hint: and we should come again.)

Holly Meyer
Heather Snyder

FIRST GRADE FIELD TRIP

Reporter: Katie O'Connor

On April 29, the first grade took a field trip to the Nature Center at Scott County Park. They had lunch there and talked about different animals.

I asked Pat O'Connor what kind of animals did he see. He said, "Snakes and tarantulas". I asked some first graders if they had fun and they said they had a lot of fun, especially when the snake went around their neck.

FOURTH GRADE FIELD TRIP

Reporter: Nick Fears

The fourth grade went on a field trip on April 28th. They went to the Arsenal, Arsenal Museum and Lock and Dam 15.

At lock and Dam 15 one group saw a barge go through. The other group saw a slide presentation. They ate at the arsenal picnic grounds.

At the arsenal museum they saw a display. Mrs. Kelding said, "For once it didn't rain!"

FIFTH GRADE FIELD TRIP

Reporter: Chris Baker

On Wednesday, April 13, the fifth grade went to the Masonic Temple. They went to see the Tri City Symphony. It was the Youth Orchestra and they ranged in age from 12 to 18.

Area schools sent classes of 4th and 5th graders and more than 2000 attended.

Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Kaczinski accompanied them. The fifth grade not only enjoyed the symphony, but got a lot of practice for the operetta during the trip over and back.

PUSH BUTTON

I push the light switch and - click - the light goes on.
I push the lawn mower button and - voom - it mows the lawn.
I push the root beer button and - whoosh - it fills my cup.
I push the glove compartment button and - clack - it opens up.
I push the TV button and - zap - there's Wyatt Earp.
I push my belly button and ..... B U R P!

Shel Silverstein - Poem Maker

The First Annual

Who's He Award

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